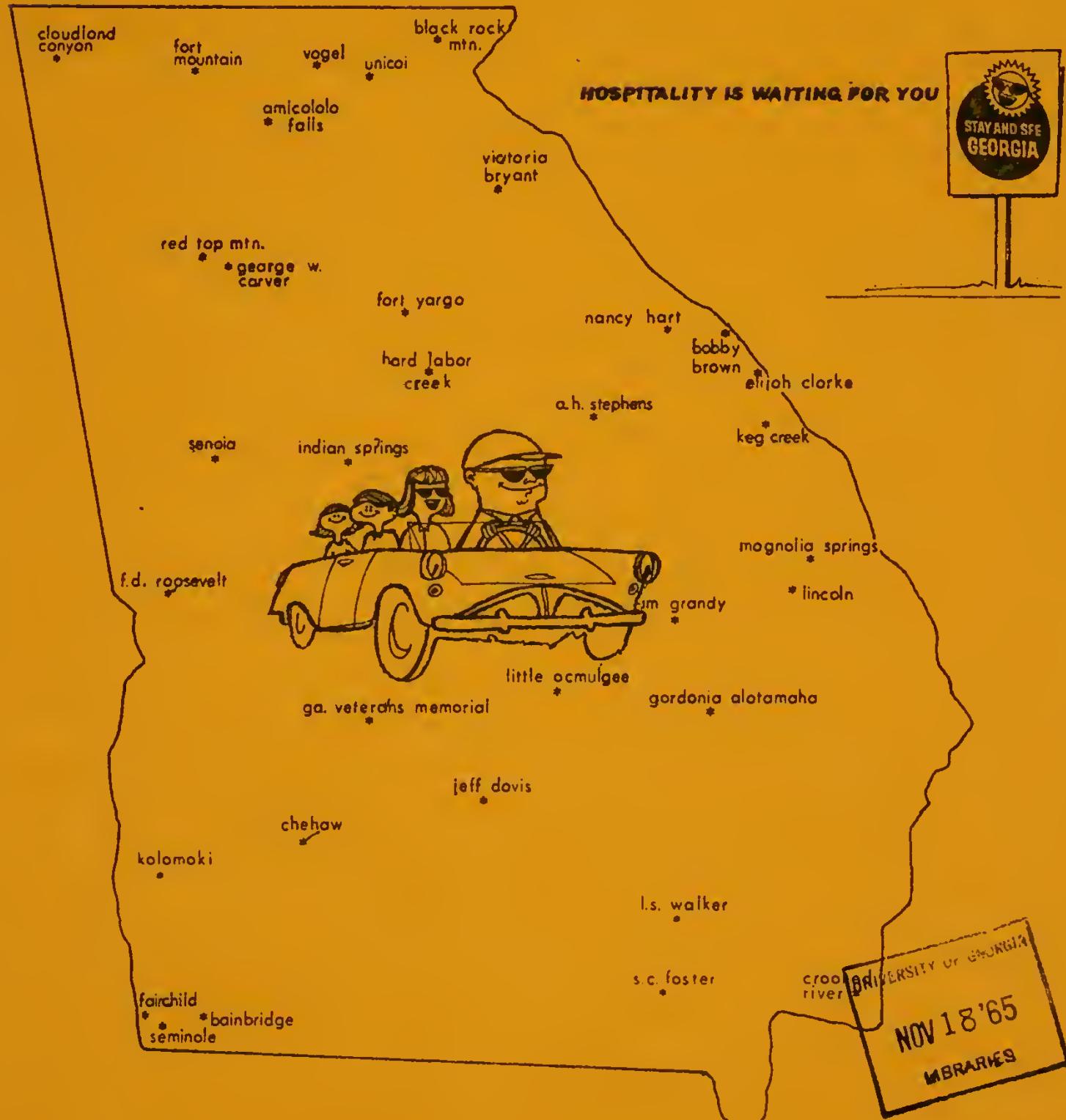


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As we know all of you Superintendents are interested in what is being built at the other fellow's park, we are listing below the projects expected to be completed and ready for the 1966 Season.

ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS	-	Comfort Station
AMICALOLA FALLS	-	Visitors' Center Comfort Station Rental Cottages (10)
BLACK ROCK MOUNTAIN	-	Visitors' Center Comfort Station Rental Cottages (5)
BOBBY BROWN MEMORIAL	-	Swimming Pool
CHEHAW	-	Comfort Station
CLOUDLAND CANYON	-	Concession Building Comfort Station Rental Cottages (5)
CROOKED RIVER	-	Concession & Bathhouse Comfort Station Rental Cottages (5)
FORT MOUNTAIN	-	Comfort Station Rental Cottages (10) Visitors' Center and Beach Nature Trail
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	-	Nature Trail
GEORGIA VETERANS MEM.	-	Comfort Station
GORDONIA ALATAMAHA	-	Comfort Station
INDIAN SPRINGS	-	Comfort Station Visitors' Center and Beach 120-capacity Group Camp Nature Trail
KOLOMOKI MOUNDS	-	Residence for Superintendent
LITTLE OCMULGEE	-	Comfort Station 9-hole Golf Course
MAGNOLIA SPRINGS	-	Concession & Bathhouse Comfort Station Rental Cottages (5)
REED BINGHAM	-	Comfort Station Rest Stations (2) Residence for Superintendent

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Projects to be completed and ready for the 1966 Season (cont'd)

VICTORIA BRYANT

- Swimming Pool
Bathhouse
Comfort Station

VOGEL

- Visitors' Center with Beach
Rental Cottages (5)
Residence for Superintendent

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MINIATURE GOLF COURSES are also being built at:

VOGEL
F. D. ROOSEVELT
RED TOP MOUNTAIN

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NEW PERSONNEL

Mrs. Alberta Evans - Draftsman in
Planning Div.

Suggested sign for vending machine
concession areas:

"COURTEOUS AND EFFICIENT SELF-SERVICE"

Julian Price - Superintendent,
Crooked River State
Park, Kingsland, Ga.

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HOME, SWEET HOME

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Robin Jackson - October 7

It was fun—the camping life,
Songs around a dreamy fire;
But I'm home again at last.....
(Darling washer, dearest drier!)

Gerald H. Evans - October 9

There were birds that sang at dawn,
Hikes through an enchanted bower;
Now I'm back where I belong.....
(Sweetest bathroom, dear-loved shower!)

Virginia Prudence - October 17

Alberta Evans - October 19

Quiet lake and cooling breeze,
Dome of stars for making wishes.....
Now I'm home (and can caress
That machine that does the dishes!)

John L. Gordon - October 22

Clay Morgan - October 25

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—Barbara A. Jones

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DEFINITIONS NOT IN THE DICTIONARY

OLD AGE - What you've reached when
you don't care where your
wife goes, just so you
don't have to go along.

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COMING EVENT

November 8-13 Okefenokee Area
Fair at Waycross.
(Visitors who have trailer campers
will find facilities at Laura S.
Walker State Park awaiting them.)

Excerpts from speech given by Mr. Horace Caldwell at recent Southeastern Park Directors Convention.

ROLE OF EMPLOYEES IN PROMOTION OF GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public Relations might also be defined as "the art of getting along with people.."

This ability to get along with people—to please the public—is the greatest asset a Park Superintendent or other park employee can possess.

It is true that we usually pick a man for superintendent because he knows the job and can show the workers under him how to do their work. "Know-how" is all-important, but if it is not backed up with equal know-how in how to handle people, that superintendent is worthless to us—not only because he doesn't know how to handle his workers but, even more important, because he doesn't know how to handle the public, our park visitors.

Importance of Personal Appearance

First impressions must be good because most people today simply do not have the time to dig beneath a rough exterior to a "heart of gold" that may lie below.

A clean, wholesome appearance invites admiration. There is absolutely no substitute for personal cleanliness, which includes a neat haircut. If a uniform is worn, it should always be clean and pressed, and worn with pride.

Importance of Manner

Manner is as important as appearance.

Pleasantness and helpfulness are two habits that can and must be developed by every park employee. Without question, a friendly smile is a million dollar asset. Helpfulness is expressed by anticipating a visitor's needs.

Importance of Attitudes

Interest in others is a necessary attitude and can be developed. One must first accept the fact that other people have thoughts, feelings, and hopes much like our own. A visitor should never be taken for granted!

One of the most effective ways to win the good will of visitors is to help them feel that their needs and comforts are the only things of importance to you at that moment.

Enjoyment of your job—if a person is unable to work up a little steam or enthusiasm about his job, he doesn't belong there. Our parks have no room for any employee who is interested only in "payday and quitting time."

Importance of Deeds

There are many little ways in which a park employee can help promote good public relations:

1. Greeting the visitor in a friendly manner.
2. Informing the visitor of the various park facilities and helping him to enjoy those in which he is most interested.
3. Helping the visitor with his registration.
4. Calling him by his name. To a human being, the most important thing in the world is his name. It identifies him as an individual and distinguishes him from all other men.
5. Recognizing the family he has with him. All good politicians (masters in the art of promoting good public relations) recognize the value of this. Few politicians have ever run for office without being photographed, at least once, kissing the baby of some voter.
6. Inquiring about his journey. Sometimes it is possible to recommend a shorter or more scenic route.
7. Being attentive to what he says. Wandering eyes betray disinterest and it is an insult to the park visitor not to listen when he is talking.
8. Showing interest in whatever is of interest to him. Who knows?—the park employee may learn something! If the subject is an old story to him, then perhaps some information might be given to the park visitor that would be greatly appreciated.
9. Informing him of possible eating facilities, or doing any of the many things that show solicitude for his comforts. Information about any nearby sites of historical interest or scenic beauty is always welcomed.



NEWS

from
the
PARKS

BLACK ROCK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Mountain City - J. L. Christian, Supt.

Mrs. Christian and I have just returned from vacation and even though most of the leaves had already lost their colors when we returned to Black Rock, we were happy to be able to visit our children in Memphis, Dayton, Asheville and Augusta. We did see some beautiful colors along our way, especially across Cumberland Gap and along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

We also had the pleasure of visiting Mr. Moore at Magnolia Springs, Mr. Fortson at Elijah Clark, Mr. Andrews at Bobby Brown, and Mr. Hill at Victoria Bryant.

It was fun spoiling the many grandchildren for awhile, then going merrily on our way, leaving their parents to get them back in line again; and it was nice seeing and talking with the Superintendents and their wives whom we visited.

While we were away, Mr. Short brought us a German Shepherd dog who, we understand, is most careful with whom she is friendly. When you come to see us, I'm sure "Princess" will welcome you, even though she chases Mrs. Christian's pet red fox far back into the mountains.

We found that work has been progressing slowly on our cabins, visitors' center, comfort station, new camping area. So far, the Highway Department has not started work on any of our roads that we hope to have completed before winter.

I would like to mention here that we already have received a deposit check for one of our cabins for two weeks in October 1966. That, to us, is truly "future planning".

Come see us!

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JEFFERSON DAVIS STATE PARK

Irwinton

T. E. Darden, Supt.

Report on Progress: The Museum has been painted inside and a new tile floor put down. We have two new display cases and are expecting two more.

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HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK

Rutledge T. Dodson Carter, Supt.

Another year is just about gone—the leaves are coloring up fast and we had our first frost this morning. All of this has a tendency to make me feel just a little bit older—and according to some recent happenings, I could well be.

Two families were here recently, the fathers of which had camped here as children; one when the Atlanta Optimist Club was using Camp Rutledge and the other with an Atlanta Boy Scout Troup at Camp Daniel Morgan.

We have had one of the best seasons in the history of the park. From May 1 through September 30, we had 1,121 mobile home user days, 17,558 group camper days, and 21,031 tent camper days, with a total visitation of 103,894.

During the "Stay and See Georgia" program this summer, we cooperated with our neighboring city of Madison and entertained a family from Lima, Ohio—Mr. and Mrs. Donald O. Darnell and children, Larry and Doris. This family was given a free night's lodging in one of our mobile homes.

Also, a family from Decatur, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. James T. Dillon and children, won the WSB contest on State Parks and were given their choice of parks for a free weekend in a cabin or mobile home. They picked Hard Labor Creek and spent a weekend in one of the mobile homes here.

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HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK (cont'd)

Our Group Camps were filled for the summer with the exception of one week at Camp Daniel Morgan for which we had a cancellation. The Peachtree Presbyterian Church of Atlanta spent a week at Camp Rutledge making this their 20th consecutive year using this camp.

The Metropolitan Atlanta Family Campers were out again this year with approximately 66 families. This was their fourth year to hold a "work shop" type camp.

The Cherokee District, Boy Scouts of America, held their annual Camporee here in one of our pioneer camping areas with approximately 225 boys attending.

There were many favorable comments on our bathhouse and concession enlargement and remodeling....We also have a new trail covered with tanbark which leads from the parking area down to the bathhouse and concession. This trail has two quaint little bridges and several steps.....

We are hoping that our Hard Labor Creek Small Watershed Project will be approved this year. If this program is carried out, our lakes would then be clear 99% of the time. Both swimming and fishing would be greatly improved.

One of the greatest thrills of our entire 23 years here at Hard Labor Creek came this summer when the Camp Director for the First Baptist Church of Chamblee presented me with a copy of a Camp Staffer's Manual that he (Mr. Thomas E. Boland) had written and dedicated to me. Things like that provide the necessary boost to overcome the many grievances of a busy summer!

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(Editor's Note: Mr. Carter is our oldest superintendent—in point of service—and to many within as well as outside the Department, he is "Mr. State Parks" himself!)

CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK

Kingsland Julian Price, Supt.

Crooked River State Park is undergoing several changes which will be enjoyed by everyone who visits the park.

Five new cabins have been built and will be ready for rental about the first of November. They are 2- and 3-bedroom cabins, completely furnished, and with central heat and air conditioning.

A new tent camping area is now under construction and will provide twenty-five additional camp sites.

Last, but not least, a new aerator water system has been installed to improve the water all over the park.

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LAURA S. WALKER STATE PARK

Waycross Clay Morgan, Supt.

Hi! We think we had a fine camping season this year....Have a sewage dump now about 25 yards from our tent and trailer camping area.... The self-sufficient trailer can now dispose of everything with ease. Have received many fine comments about it from our campers....

During the summer we had 12 churches and one Girl Scout group in our Group Camp. First time we have ever had all weeks filled....We're right up there with the best of the group camps in Georgia now....

Visited Crooked River on the 9th of this month and the new superintendent and his wife are just fine—a big smile, lovely disposition, perhaps a little to learn yet, but my money is on this couple....

The Dodson Carters (Hard Labor Creek) came down recently for a weekend visit. We enjoyed them very much and hope they will come again.

Fishing in our lake now is just out of this world!

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LAURA S. WALKER STATE PARK (cont'd)

Sunday, October 10, we had the famous Wildes family here again for their family reunion. There were 475 in attendance.... You may recall that these are the descendants of two children who escaped massacre by the Seminole Indians by hiding in the Okefenokee Swamp.

We have between 6 and 7 thousand acres of land that have been stocked with quail. This area will be open for quail only from January 31 to February 6, 1966. Should have a crowd—but I think I'll be taking that week off.

We have had a deluge of campers from Ohio and California this year—and they are real nice people, too.

Although I had a rather bad heart attack after our last In-Service Training Meeting, I'm feeling like a swamp full of mules now. I have quit cussin' about that Monday morning inventory, at least. We now have all of our carry-overs counted and taped up.

My "Assistant Superintendent" Jo is getting along fine. We have a '66 Mustang, the big 8. It certainly has that trotting power. We bought the works!

John Wilkes wrote me once that my typewriter did not spell very good—beginning to think he was right.

We will be up your way soon as we are expecting a grandbaby any day now. See you sometime this month, I HOPE.

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(Ed. Note: That grandbaby has just arrived—and it's a GIRL!)

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(Another Ed. Note: Sorry we couldn't include all of Clay Morgan's report—the best part, expressed in his most colorful language, of course!)

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REED BINGHAM STATE PARK

Moultrie C. C. Powell, Supt.

We are trying to make Reed Bingham one of the finest parks in the State and if we keep getting the cooperation from the office that we have in the past, we will do just that.

Two picnic shelters have been completed and two more which are now under construction should be completed within the next week or ten days.

Two boat ramps and two floating boat docks are finished.

The slopes on the swimming area have been grassed and fertilizer has been donated by a local company to get it growing.

We have completed the maintenance shop and it is an asset to the park.

The local contractor who is building the house and two rest stations has them well on the way. The house should be ready by Thanksgiving.

The comfort station in the tent camping area has been "dried in" and all that is lacking now is finishing of the inside. Three deep wells are ready for test pumping.

Our booth at the fair was very successful. I am sending some pictures of the replica of the park and some shots from the air of the lake and beach area.

We have sixteen hundred acres of land to develop here and have hardly scratched the surface—but we will.

Received the tractor last week.

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Until the house for the superintendent on the park is completed, Mr. Powell is residing at 2405 - 2nd Ave., Moultrie, Ga. When he moves to the park, the address will be Adel, Ga.

STEPHEN C. FOSTER STATE PARK

Fargo

Mike Chapman, Supt.

We were very glad to have had Mr. Sylvan Meyer and his family visit with us recently. Mr. Meyer is the editor of the Daily Times in Gainesville and upon his return home he published a fine article in his paper about the park and swamp.

The U.S. Corps of Engineers is now busy mapping the swamp. They are erecting two towers, one on the park and the other close by.

The deer still come running to be fed when they see me. They haven't heard about Mr. Wilkes' directive yet—and I'm too tenderhearted to tell them!

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VICTORIA ERYANT STATE PARK

Royston

F. H. Hill, Supt.

Have had a very busy year—with a deep well having been drilled and a swimming pool built. The kiddie pool is complete except for connecting it to the filter and erecting a fence.

Have built 25 tent sites in the camp area, put up the marker post, gravelled the parking area at the pool, and sowed grass on the area back of the pool, down to the drain field.

Just hope I get a road and comfort station with hot showers before next season. Have been losing campers because our comfort stations did not have showers.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian from Black Rock Mountain State Park visited with us October 22. Was sure glad to see them. I hope more of the superintendents will visit with us. Have not yet had any time to visit at other parks but hope to in the near future.

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PERSONNEL NOTES

Our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Clara Cameron (our "Cammie") in the recent loss of her sister.

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Congratulations to the new "Grandpappy" in our midst—Mr. Clay Morgan. The little girl missed being a birthday present to him by only one day.

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Fifteen-year Service Awards were recently received by:

James C. Arnall - General Office

Graham Morris - F. D. Roosevelt State Park

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Mrs. Alberta Evans is the new draftsman in the Planning Division. Mr. Derek Donley, who filled the position this summer, has returned to his studies at Georgia Tech.

Mrs. Sally Goforth, secretary, has been transferred from the Planning Division to the Information Division.

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Mr. Wilkes reports that State Auditors are now giving our books the most thorough audit ever experienced by this Department.

Junior Auditors and clerical help have been required to verify each park receipt received this past year. Swimming tickets and Form 8's also are being carefully checked. Most major discrepancies have been called to our attention. It is a sure thing they will demand more accuracy and more reporting than ever before.

Merchandise inventories and accounting will receive the most criticism. We have been placing emphasis on these for some time but it appears that even more work must be done in the near future.



"A visitor will find many useful facilities and exciting activities in Georgia's State Parks."

—Quote from Georgia State Parks brochure

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REAL CIVIC SPIRIT

How many other counties or towns can match the cities of McRae and Waycross for their display of civic pride?

The City of McRae has issued a city license plate which advertises Little Ocmulgee State Park, and the Chamber of Commerce calendar also displays a picture of the park.

The city of Waycross is so proud of Laura S. Walker State Park that plans are underway to utilize a large billboard on the city's outskirts to direct tourists to the park.

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Have you Superintendents ever wondered why people visit our state parks?

Perhaps you think you know—to picnic, swim, fish, hike, camp, and so forth. At least, those are the reasons the visitors give.

The underlying reason, common to all, is the release (temporary though it must be) from the tensions of just everyday living. Nature affords the opportunity to rejuvenate one's spiritual and emotional energy—to obtain that "second wind".

When a person says that he likes to visit your park, what he really means is that he likes to hear the wind rustle the leaves in the trees, to watch a wood fire, and to cook bacon in the open air; to see the rays of sunlight filter through the trees, to catch the flutter of brilliant wings, or glimpse a startled deer; to view from awesome heights the valley below, to stand in wonder before a waterfall, to listen to raindrops spatter the tent, and to smell the air.

He cannot give voice to the joy he feels in all of these experiences. He just knows and tells you that he likes to visit your park.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.

—Oscar Wilde

PROGRESS

A hundred thousand years ago,
A man in brief attire
Watched the meat of saber tiger
Cook above a smoky fire.

In this age of atom fusing,
A man in brief attire
Tends a greasy bunch of spareribs
On a smoky, charcoal fire.

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GEORGIA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

As we promised in the last issue of Park Views, a Calendar of Events covering the period January - June 1964 is enclosed with each Superintendent's copy of Park Views this month.

Please check it for future events in your vicinity; and don't keep them a secret! We are sure park visitors would like to know what is going on around them, too—especially when warmer weather arrives.

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"HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" to:

James H. Glen - Maintenance Dept.
Jan. 5

George M. Normandy - Engineering Div.
Jan. 5

J. F. Fortson - Elijah Clark S.P.
Jan. 9

Miss Laura Lee Crawford - Crawford
W. Long State Park
Jan. 14

Thomas E. Peters - Kolomoki Mounds
Jan. 17

Mrs. Margaret Oliver - Gen. Office
Jan. 21

John W. Stokes - General Office
Jan. 28

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ADVICE TO THE YOUNG

Every man must do his own growing, no matter how tall his grandfather was.

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Deal with the faults of others as gently as with your own.

Old Chinese Proverb

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PERSONNEL NOTES

The tragic news of the fatal automobile accident involving the family of Mr. Lee Willcox, Superintendent of Little Ocmulgee State Park, was received with stunned disbelief, almost, by those who knew them.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Willcox in his sad loss of wife, daughter, and granddaughter.

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Sick List

Mr. Homer Lingerfelt - Georgia Veterans Mem. State Park, Cordele.

Mr. Earl Dawson - Chehaw State Park, Albany.

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Wedding Bells

It will be a March wedding for Steve Adams, son of Mrs. Lou Adams (General Office).

Miss Willene Stanley who has charge of the File Room in General Office is wearing an engagement ring. Will June be the month, Willene?

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Hello and Goodbye

A big welcome goes to Mr. M. B. McGarity who now heads the new Planning Division.

Almost before we can officially welcome Mrs. Linda Stokes, Junior Draftsman in the Planning Division, she bids us goodbye—as of Feb. 29. Our feelings aren't hurt, though, because we know the reason.

(Ed. Note: We would like to give you a hint by drawing a well-known symbol. However, inasmuch as our best efforts result in nothing more than an undernourished Thanksgiving turkey—we'll spare you.)